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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

12 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

13 MEDHAT IBRAHIM, an individual,

Case No. 2:16-cv-01245

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 NEVADA PROPERTY 1, LLC dba THE  
17 COSMOPOLITAN OF LAS VEGAS;  
18 EMPLOYEE(S)/AGENT(S) DOES 1-10  
19 and ROE CORPORATIONS 11-20,  
20 inclusive,

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
GOVERNING CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMATION**

21 Defendant.

22 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), Plaintiff Medhat Ibrahim ("Ibrahim")  
23 and Defendant Nevada Property 1, LLC doing business as The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas ("The  
24 Cosmopolitan"), (collectively, the "Parties"), by and through their respective counsel of record,  
25 hereby stipulate and agree that the handling of confidential material in these proceedings shall be  
26 governed by the provisions set for the below.

27 **I. APPLICATION.**

28 This Protective Order shall govern the designation and handling of "Confidential  
Information" and "Confidential – Attorney's Eyes Only Information" (defined below) produced  
in discovery in this litigation, whether by voluntary production or disclosure or in response to any  
formal discovery procedure, including designation and handling of nonpublic information of a

1 confidential nature. This Protective Order does not affect any party's obligations under the Civil  
2 Rules to produce documents as required by the rules of discovery or an order of the Court. The  
3 purpose of this Protective Order is to facilitate the handling of nonpublic information of a  
4 confidential, private, or proprietary nature.

5 If a designating party files material concerning "Confidential Information" or  
6 "Confidential-Attorney's Eyes Only Information" in court and does not attempt to file it under  
7 seal, or if material is otherwise already part of the public record as of the entry of this Protective  
8 Order, the material in question will not be subject to this Protective Order. The mere filing of  
9 material containing "Confidential" or "Confidential-Attorney's Eyes Only" by the non-  
10 designating party does not remove the material from the protection of this Protective Order. If a  
11 non-designating party files material marked "Confidential Information" or "Confidential-  
12 Attorney's Eyes Only Information" by another party without first seeking permission of the court  
13 to file the same under seal, the non-filing party may seek appropriate relief to ensure protection  
14 under this Protective Order.  
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## 16 **II. DEFINITIONS.**

17 A. **"Confidential Information"** means: personal information of current or former  
18 employees of Defendant (such as addresses, telephone numbers, birth dates, marital status,  
19 dependent status and/or discipline or counseling received from Defendant); financial information,  
20 including, but not limited to, payroll records, tax returns, financial statements, banking records,  
21 and electronic data containing financial information and/or compensation or pay plans or scales;  
22 confidential proprietary and/or competitive business and gaming information; trade secrets;  
23 witness statements and/or investigation reports; performance projections; business strategies; and  
24 confidential proprietary information about affiliates, parents, subsidiaries and third-parties with  
25 whom the parties to this action have or have had business relationships. "Confidential  
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1 Information” includes, without limitation, any document, information, or material that the  
2 producing party or protected person reasonably believes not to be in the public domain and  
3 reasonably believes contains information to which an individual or company has an established  
4 and legitimate right to privacy or confidentiality.

5 B. “**Attorney’s Eyes Only Information**” is a subset of Confidential Information that  
6 includes any document or testimony identified by the party that contains highly sensitive,  
7 proprietary, or trade secret information, including, but not limited to medical records and  
8 healthcare information pertaining to any current or former employee of Defendant; personnel  
9 documents that contain personal identification information such as social security numbers,  
10 financial information and/or rates of pay, information about prior, existing, and potential  
11 customers; surveillance information, including, but not limited to policies, practices, and  
12 procedures, location of cameras, methods of recording, video footage and reports. All references  
13 herein to “Confidential” information include “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” except where  
14 the permissible disclosure or dissemination of “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” information  
15 is more limited than permissible disclosure or dissemination of “Confidential” information.  
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17 C. “**Disclosed**” is used in its broadest sense and includes, *inter alia*, directly or  
18 indirectly shown, divulged, revealed, produced, described, transmitted or otherwise  
19 communicated, in whole or in part.  
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21 D. “**Discovery Material(s)**” means any documents, answers to interrogatories,  
22 responses to requests for admission, deposition testimony, deposition transcripts and exhibits,  
23 other responses to requests for information and/or written information, whether produced  
24 voluntarily or involuntarily, in response to discovery requests in this litigation by any party.  
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26 E. “**Document**” is defined as the term is used in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34.

27 F. “**Under Seal**” is defined as sealing confidential documents consistent with the  
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1 procedure set forth in LR 10-5 of the Local Rules for United States District Court, District of  
2 Nevada (the "Court"). In the event that the Court publishes a new procedure for the filing of  
3 documents under seal, the Parties will follow said published procedure.

4 **III. Types of Materials that May be Designated as Confidential**

5 Any Discovery Material or other documents, information, or materials may be designated  
6 by a producing party as Confidential under this Order. The assertion of this designation of  
7 "Confidential" shall constitute a representation to the Court that counsel for the producing party  
8 or protected person believes in good faith that the material so designated constitutes Confidential  
9 Information as defined in this Order. Except with the prior written consent of the producing party  
10 or by Court order or as otherwise compelled by force of law, no Discovery Materials or other  
11 documents, information, or materials stamped "Confidential" may be disclosed to any person  
12 except as permitted in Section IV below.  
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14 **IV. Designation of Discovery Materials as Confidential**

15 **A. Marking Protected Documents:** Protected documents shall be designated as  
16 containing "Confidential Information by affixing to them the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
17 "CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY" in all caps, 12 point font, in a location that  
18 makes the designation readily apparent, preferably in the lower right hand corner. Each Party  
19 shall maintain a log in the form attached as Exhibit A for the documents they have produced that  
20 have been designated "Confidential," and produce an updated log, containing all designations,  
21 when producing documents or information that are designated "Confidential." The fact that a  
22 document is stamped "Confidential" by one party shall not be construed as an admission by any  
23 other party that such document is confidential, nor shall it limit or preclude the right of any party  
24 to object to the "Confidential" designation and to file any appropriate motion(s) to determine the  
25 propriety of such designation. If the producing party inadvertently fails to stamp or otherwise  
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1 appropriately designate or list certain documents, material, or information as “Confidential” upon  
2 their production or disclosure, such inadvertent failure to designate shall not constitute nor be  
3 deemed a waiver of a subsequent claim of protected treatment under this Order.

4       B.     **Designating Testimony.** Any party may designate testimony as “Confidential  
5 Information” by making a statement to that effect on the record at the deposition or other  
6 proceeding or within ten (10) business days after receipt of the transcript of deposition or other  
7 proceeding by counsel. When Confidential Information is designated on the record at a  
8 deposition or other proceeding, the party claiming the testimony is Confidential Information shall  
9 make arrangements with the court reporter taking and transcribing such proceeding to label each  
10 page containing the testimony with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL” and all counsel and  
11 parties shall treat pages of testimony so designated as a protected document and the testimony  
12 itself as Confidential Information.  
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14       C.     **Subsequent Designation.** If a party discovers that material or documents  
15 containing Confidential Information have been provided to the opposing party without being  
16 properly designated under this Protective Order, that party shall promptly notify the receiving  
17 party in writing of the same. The notification shall include an identification of the documents or  
18 information (by bates stamp number or some other specific form of identification), and the  
19 receiving party shall affix a stamp identifying each document or item of information so identified  
20 as “CONFIDENTIAL” within ten (10) days unless the parties agree that some other procedure for  
21 remedying the inadvertence is more appropriate under the circumstances.  
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24     V.     **Permissible Use of “Confidential” Information, Documents, or Materials**

25       A.     **Limited Use.** Persons obtaining access to Discovery Materials or other  
26 documents, information, or materials stamped “Confidential” or “Attorney’s Eyes Only” pursuant  
27 to this Order shall use the information only for the purpose of this matter, through and including  
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1 appeal(s) and shall not use or disclose in any format or medium such information for any other  
2 purpose, including business, governmental, commercial, administrative, or judicial proceedings,  
3 unless required by court order or being compelled by force of law. If any person receiving  
4 information covered by this Agreement is: (a) subpoenaed in another action or proceeding; (b)  
5 served with a request or demand in another action to which he, she, or it is a party; or (c) served  
6 with any other legal process by one not a party to this action, seeking information designated as  
7 “Confidential” pursuant to this Order, the subpoenaed party shall promptly give written notice, by  
8 hand or facsimile transmission, within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of such subpoena, request,  
9 demand, or legal process to the party that produced or designated the material as “Confidential.”  
10 The subpoenaed party or anyone else subject to this Order shall be under no obligation to take any  
11 other action or measures to preserve the confidentiality of any such information in connection  
12 with such subpoena, request, demand, or legal process. Nothing herein shall be construed as  
13 requiring the subpoenaed party or anyone else covered by this Order to challenge or appeal any  
14 order requiring production of Confidential Information, to subject itself to any penalties for  
15 non-compliance with any legal process or order, or to seek any relief from the court.  
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18 **B. Disclosure of Protected Material.** Notwithstanding Section IV above, access to  
19 documents stamped “Confidential” shall be limited to the following individuals:

20 1. Counsel: Counsel for the respective parties to this Protective Order,  
21 including in-house counsel and counsel’s Support Staff (*i.e.*, paralegals, administrative assistants,  
22 and those involved in administration functions) and Outside Service Organizations (*i.e.*,  
23 organizations providing copy services, translation services, document preparation, trial graphics,  
24 and tutorials) but only to the extent that disclosure to such person(s) is necessary in order for them  
25 to assist attorneys in connection with this matter;  
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27 2. Court Reporters: Court reporters taking testimony and their support  
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1 personnel;

2           3.     The Parties: Except as provided below in Section V.C. ,the parties to this  
3 Protective Order, including the officers, directors, agents and employees of a corporate Party to  
4 the extent counsel for such party deems it necessary for the prosecution or defense of this  
5 proceeding;

6           4.     The Court: The Court and authorized court personnel. To the extent such  
7 “Confidential Information” may be disclosed to court personnel or filed with the Court, it may,  
8 upon a showing sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Court, be done Under Seal;

9           5.     Witnesses: deposition or other witnesses as necessary in this litigation,  
10 provided that such persons have been made aware of the provisions of this Protective Order and  
11 have manifested their assent to be bound thereby by signing a copy of the agreement attached  
12 hereto as Exhibit B and provided further that disclosure is limited to Confidential Information  
13 about which the witness is or is likely to be examined at a deposition or other proceeding;

14           6.     Consultants and Experts: Independent consultants or experts retained by  
15 counsel or a party for assistance with respect to this litigation, together with each such person’s  
16 clerical and Support Staff, provided that such have been made aware of the provisions of this  
17 Protective Order and have manifested their assent to be bound thereby by signing a copy of the  
18 agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B.

19           7.     The persons who are identified as authors or addressees on the face of a  
20 document containing Confidential Information, or have been shown by either testimony or  
21 documentary evidence to have been recipients or readers of the Confidential Information prior to  
22 the commencement of the underlying lawsuit;

23           8.     The videographer who videotapes Confidential Information at a deposition  
24 in this litigation;

1           9. Any arbitrator, mediator or discovery referee in this litigation, and  
2 employees and similar personnel of said arbitrator, mediator or discovery referee;

3           10. Any other individuals agreed to in writing by the designating party; and

4           11. Others as may be ordered by the court.

5           C. **“Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”** The disclosure of “Confidential-  
6 Attorney’s Eyes Only” Information is limited in the same ways as set forth above for Confidential  
7 Information except that “Confidential-Attorney’s Eyes Only” Information may not be disclosed to  
8 anyone except those individuals set forth in Section V.B.1 and the Parties. The Parties are only  
9 permitted to review “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” information in counsels’ office  
10 provided they agree not to make or take copies of “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only”  
11 information out of counsels’ office. Except as provided in this paragraph, “Confidential  
12 Attorney’s Eyes Only” information may not be disclosed or provided without prior written  
13 consent by the designating party under circumstances allowing the designating party to obtain  
14 adequate protection with respect to the “Confidential-Attorney’s Eyes Only” Information either  
15 by agreement or by application to the Court. Further, any person who receives copies of  
16 “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” or to whom “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” is  
17 disclosed pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Information Governing Confidential Information  
18 shall be advised that the “Attorneys’ Eyes Only” information is being disclosed pursuant to an  
19 Order of the Court, that the information may not be disclosed by such person to any person not  
20 permitted to have access to the “Attorneys’ Eyes Only” information pursuant to this Protective  
21 Order, and that any violation of this Protective Order may result in the imposition of such  
22 sanctions as the Court deems proper.

23           D. **Filing Protected Materials.** If a party wishes to use information or material  
24 designated by another party as Confidential to support or oppose a motion or otherwise file such  
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1 information with the Court, the following procedures apply: Counsel shall make a reasonable  
2 effort to meet and confer before filing documents under seal. To the extent possible, counsel  
3 shall submit, along with any document filed under seal, a stipulation and proposed order reciting  
4 the reasons for sealing the document. *See* LR 10-5; *Kamakana v. City & County of Honolulu*,  
5 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006).

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7 **E. Disputes as to Confidentiality Designation:**

8 1. **Meet and Confer Requirement:** The parties agree to designate  
9 information as “Confidential” on a good faith basis and not for purposes of harassing the  
10 receiving party’s access to information concerning the lawsuit. If any party believes that a  
11 document, tangible item, or other information that has been designated as Confidential is not  
12 entitled to be treated as Confidential, the party will notify the designating party of its objection to  
13 the “Confidential” designation. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to reach an  
14 agreement regarding the Confidential status of the document, tangible item or information within  
15 seven (7) business days after the objecting party has advised the designating party of its objection.  
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17 2. **Motion for Protective Order:** If the dispute is not resolved, then the  
18 objecting party may file a motion challenging whether any particular material designated as  
19 containing Confidential Information should be entitled confidential treatment. In addition, if the  
20 parties do not reach agreement in advance of filing Confidential Information as referenced in  
21 Section V.D above, then the party wishing to use the designated information or material must not  
22 file the Confidential Information without first allowing the disclosing party who wishes the  
23 designated information to be filed under seal seven (7) court days within which to file a motion  
24 allowing the Confidential Information to be filed under seal pursuant to LR 10-5. The opposing  
25 party may then file an opposition to such motion and the moving party may file a reply in  
26 accordance with the briefing schedule set forth by local rule.  
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1           3.     **Status Pending Resolution of Dispute:** Notwithstanding any challenge to  
2 the designation of material as containing Confidential Information, the material shall be treated as  
3 Confidential and shall be subject to the provisions hereof unless and until one of the following  
4 occurs: (i) all parties that claim that the material contains Confidential Information withdraw  
5 such designation in writing; or (ii) the Court order is issued ruling that the material does not  
6 contain Confidential Information.  
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8 F.     **Rights of Parties:** This Protective Order is without prejudice to the right of any party to  
9 apply to the Court for any further protective order relating to any Confidential Information or for  
10 an order permitting disclosure of any Confidential Information beyond the terms of this Protective  
11 Order.  
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13 **VI.   Miscellaneous**

14       A.     The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the resolution of this matter;  
15 provided, however, that within thirty (30) days after the final conclusion of this matter,  
16 documents stamped "Confidential" or "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" and all copies of  
17 such documents, other than exhibits of record, shall be returned to the party who produced the  
18 documents and designated them as "Confidential" or "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only."  
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1 B. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party or other person from seeking  
2 modification of this Order or from objecting to discovery that it believes to be otherwise  
3 improper. This Order, however, shall not be modified absent an order of the Court or the written  
4 agreement of all the Parties hereto.

5 Dated: September 26, 2016.

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12 **ORDER**

13 IT IS SO ORDERED this 27 day of September, 2016.

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17 United States District Judge  
United States Magistrate Judge  
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